

# EXECUTION OF CHILDERS HAS STARTLED ENGLAND

Fear Expressed in Many Quarters That the Execution May Lead to "Reprisals"—Military Sentence of Death Was Carried Out in Dublin—Announcement Did Not State How Execution Was Effected—Free State Courtmartial Passed Sentence on Childers For Having in His Possession, Without Proper Authority, an Automatic Pistol.

London, Nov. 24 (By the A. P.).—The tragedy of Ersine Childers has shocked and startled England even more than did the death of Michael Collins.

Well wishers of the Irish Free State, of whom there are many in London, expect that the execution of Childers may mean

The sentence of death was carried out at 7 o'clock. The condemned man had been brought to trial on Nov. 17, but when the verdict of the courtmartial was rendered, and he was condemned to death efforts were made in a civil court to over-throw the findings of the military jury.

the beginning of a new chapter in the turbulent history of Ireland. In many quarters today the fear was expressed that this chapter may be described by the word "reprisals," and that the reprisals may be bloodier and develop into intense internecine warfare.

Many people in England were shocked

at the news of the execution because the  
knew Childers; knew him when he bore  
the name of a British patriot who ren-  
dered his country good service in the  
African war and when he was something  
of a hero in the British literary world  
because he wrote "The Riddle of the  
Sands," which he hailed not only as a  
"novel of war," but as a "novel of peace."

None of Childers' old friends who were spoken to today seemed to know just what and why was behind the transformation from an ardent British patriot to an Irish revolutionary. His mother was an Irishwoman. The Childers family came from a distinguished line. The

Children's wife is an American woman and traces her ancestry back to the American revolutionary days in the lineage of the Putnam family. She was the heroine of an adventure when Children in 1916, as a reward to the Western Land

arms in North Ireland, brought a considerable number of arms for South Ireland to the coast a short distance north of Dublin. Mrs. Childers, who is described as a daring yachtswoman, is said to have steered the yacht to the coast in the darkness of the night.

**ERSKINE CHILDERS WAS  
EXECUTED IN DUBLIN**

Dublin, Nov. 25 (By The A. P.).—The extreme penalty of military law was paid today at 11 o'clock by the execution of Erskine Childers, one of the leading spirits in the movement for the independence of Ireland. He was shot by a firing party of British soldiers. Childers was a member of the anti-government faction of the Irish Volunteers, and was charged with the murder of a British officer, Captain O'Donoghue, in 1916. He was captured and sentenced to death by a military court. The execution was carried out in a public square in Dublin. Childers was a man of great courage and a devoted follower of his principles. His death was a great loss to the Irish cause.

Children was sent to his doom, presumably at the hands of a firing squad, in the Portobello barracks here after considerable delay. The firing party seemed without proper authority as automatic pistol, in violation of the order of the constituted government.

<p><b>NEW GERMAN CABINET WILL BE GIVEN VOTE OF APPROVAL</b></p>	<p><b>BETHLEHEM HEADS MERGER OF STEEL COMPANIES</b></p>
<p>Berlin, Nov. 24 (By the A. P.).—Despite its avowedly non-partisan com-</p>	<p>New York, Nov. 24.—The Bethlehem Steel corporation has announced a</p>

This unusual parliamentary procedure was used by the House of Representatives last week to approve the purchase of the steel plant at Nictowan, Pa., by the Cambria Steel company.

The Middlemead company owns 77 percent of the stock of the Cambria or Nictowan Steel company, which is now owned by the Federal Government.

will issue about \$7,650,000 per share of its common stock, of which \$5,000,000 will go to the Midvale company for distribution among its shareholders on dissolution of the company.

As a result, it was stated, the Midvale stockholders will receive for each share of stock of \$28 per share two shares of stock of \$18 per share.

The latter explanation, as well as the nationalists' view of the government's platform in a manner which will not exactly constitute an outspoken vote of confidence, as the action to be introduced by the democrats will be so formed as to express the reichstag's "approval" whereby the nationalists and socialists

With the new issue of stock to pay the steel company purchases the Bethlehem corporation will have common stock aggregating \$18,250,000 par value outstanding, preferred stock \$62,000 and a bonded debt of \$213,900. President Eugene H. Grace announced

The purchases mark another step in the Bethlehem corporation's plan to manufacture a complete line of steel products and increase its reserves of ore, fuel and materials. The plan has been followed. It was since Charles M. Schwab and associates became interested in the Bethlehem

The Bethlehem Steel Corp. is expected to address stockholders' meetings, and the matter of fact manner in which the government's official statement was read by him impressed the deputies as being wholly suited to the subject under discussion.

There were few attempts at fiction and the rhyming under a voice as a poet's and

The government's program as outlined is so variegated and comprehensive in its attitude toward reparations and internal reforms that neither the nationalists nor the socialists could consistently oppose it in advance.

At the conclusion of the partisan debate and voting on the motion of approval to-morrow, the reichstag will adjourn for a week in order to enable the new government to perfect its organization.

There were only a few absentees among the deputies. Ex-Chancellor Wirth occupied the chair.

**EVANGELINE BOOTH NOT TO  
BE TRANSFERRED TO ENGLAND**  
Chicago, Nov. 24: (By the A. F.)

Commander Evelynne Booth of the Salvation Army hopes to work in the United States many years—in fact, the remainder of her life—she said here today at the central congress of the army.

Miss Booth reiterated her denials of recent reports that she was to be transferred to England.

**FIRE DESTROYED TWO  
BLOCKS IN JAMESTOWN, N. Y.**

Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Fire destroyed the Warner block, a five-story brick building of stores and tenements.

tonight, the 40-ft-tall three-story business block, and has spread to the Broadway block, containing many stores. The damage already done will reach \$500,000, not over two dozen tickets have been turned for cash redemption by those who had found it impossible to cash them.